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Sub-Atmospheric Gas Delivery Method and Apparatus

the specification of which:

was filed on August 18, 2000 as United States Application Number 09/641,933.

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Prior Foreign	Country	Foreign	Priority	Certified
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9724168	GB	November 14, 1997	Yes	Yes

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